

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, March 03, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, Present and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Linder opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV, James Perkins, Sheriff Chuck Dills and Evan Keliher.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2008, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of March, 2008, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0904 thru 01-0947 in the amount of \$65,377.40 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-396 thru 02-415 in the amount of \$5,043.32 paid out of the Road Fund; Claims No. 03-0354 thru 03-0365 in the amount of \$44,890.64 paid out of the Jail Fund and Claim No. 04-0000032 in the amount of \$3,867.80 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of March, 2008, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 02-2008-614 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Linda Zumbiel, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows: Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 02-2008-614 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Linda Zumbiel, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 03-2008-615 relating to the Annual Budget and Amendment Thereof for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows: Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 03-2008-615 relating to the Annual Budget and Amendment Thereof for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link stated the Road Supervisor's Report would be deleted until the next meeting.

Steve had some dental work done and was not working today so we will get that on the next Agenda. He then presented for review the Building Inspector's Report for February 2008. No action is required. It is as follows: He said he thinks it continues to be an example of the slow economy that we are in and we didn't have a great deal of activity going on in February. He also presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for February 2008. No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented for review the Coroner's Report for June 2007 thru February 2008. It is as follows: No action is required.

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Judge Link informed the Court that they also had in their packet some information that Jeremy had provided regarding a Spay/Neuter Program that he would like for the Court to consider. This would be an Ordinance that suggests that any animal leaving the Shelter would be required to be spayed/neutered. He said that there is some legislation being considered in Frankfort regarding this same matter. He is sorry he forgot the Bill; it might be HB 39. There is a House Bill down there they are trying to get passed that would provide for the same language as what the Court has been considering. Obviously, if they pass it, it is not going to take away from anything the Court might do. He will look that Bill up and bring it to the Caucus meeting for further discussion on this Program. It might help to control the animal population here in the county should we implement it. A copy of that information is as follows: He also stated that he had received a phone call over the weekend and a fax this morning regarding HB 618 and that information was also in their packet. He said he thought this bill was sponsored by Representative Royce Adams and Representative Tom McKee. The bill is back over in the Agriculture Sub Committee and Small Business Sub Committee and Representative McKee, he believes, chairs that Committee. He is certain he does, so they shouldn't

have any trouble getting it passed out of Committee, but what it provides for is the harvest of wildlife. It allows for homeowners to harvest that wildlife if it is a nuisance to their property or to their crops, and if anybody is a tenant farmer, it allows them to get permission from the Commissioner, and it also allows them to properly dispose of the carcasses of those animals as well. He thought the Court should be aware of this Bill. Magistrate Austin said that he, Mr. Elbridge Cook from Corinth, called him this morning and wanted to fax it to him and he told him to fax it up to the Judge's Office so it could be put in our packet tonight. He said that Mr. Cook has been working on this thing the last couple of times and hoped to get some relief the last time the met in Frankfort but he doesn't think very much happened, so he is hopeful this time maybe something will move forward on it and give the farmers a little more leeway on what they can do. Judge Link said he read it over this morning and he didn't see any reason why the Court should oppose it, certainly would encourage you to support it if you are comfortable in doing that or at least monitor it, and I told Evalene I would make it available to you as he requested. His letter is as follows:

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the 'Good of the County'. He said that anyone could address the Court at this time. He welcomed Magistrate Young back amongst us and said that he represented our county in Washington, DC on Wednesday and Thursday. He also said that Magistrate Austin's mother was in the hospital over at Grant County, and we need to keep her in our prayers. He then asked Magistrate Young if he would like to give an update on his trip. Magistrate Young said that there were 56 persons from the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce that made the trip to Washington, DC. They

arrived on Wednesday at 10:00 AM and on Wednesday and Thursday they met with Congressman Davis out of Louisville, Ben Chandler, and spoke with Senator Mitch McConnell and Senator Jim Bunning. They had lunch with Elaine Chao one day. She was their speaker on Thursday. He said their main focus, the folks that were there were mainly from the Boone, Kenton and Campbell area, their main focus was the Brent Spence Bridge, but Judge Bertram from Pendleton County, he and I, we did let them know that Lake Williamstown was still on the table, and we got some positive feedback from Congressman Davis as well as Senator McConnell, and Ben Chandler mentioned he was aware of the Project, so they are all on board with us on the Williamstown Lake Project. Wednesday night they had dinner at the Chinese Embassy. Congressman Davis was one of the Speakers as well, but over all it was a good trip, a successful trip, but he is glad to be home. It was two long days. Judge Link said that is two long days to have a very aggressive agenda. It is a whirlwind trip where you were able to see a lot of people. It is interesting that you can have the access to Congressmen and Senators like you have, but he thinks fifty or sixty people coming from Northern Kentucky speaks volume about the constituency and their perception of them and talk about local Projects back home, so it was a great trip. Magistrate Young was able to go and represent Grant County and he appreciates that. Magistrate Young said he enjoyed the trip and it was a well planned trip. Like you say, every minute was planned for us, so to him it was a trip worthwhile. Judge Link replied "Good". He then asked if there were any other announcements the Court was aware of. He said that Spring is still on its way and getting closer; he saw a robin today. He asked if anyone in the audience had anything. No one did. Magistrate Austin mentioned the Article that he brought tonight on the Schoolhouse Museum. He

said he got this out of the Lexington paper and it is kind of similar to the one room Schoolhouse that has been moved from Dry Ridge down to Crittenden. He said this served the Colored Cumberland population that was close to the Presbyterian Church down there, and they have revived this and made it available for use for the kids now to look at it. Of course it is pretty close to him. He said his grandmother, Mom Lowe, taught in a one room Schoolhouse and graduated from Eastern, the first Teacher's Class that they graduated from Eastern. He doesn't remember what year that was, but she taught in a one room Schoolhouse over at Cordova. He said it was a good article and says a lot, and we are certainly looking at getting the school and the church revived at Crittenden, and there is a lot of interest in the Sherman Tavern right now too. He went to a meeting of the Historical Society Friday night and said if anybody has any interest in any of these three projects that you would like to contribute to either financially or thru the Work Program, there is going to be some opportunities there for some people who have an interest in trying to preserve some of our Grant County heritage. He said sometimes he gets frustrated. We sit idly by here. We saw four depots, train stations, torn down here in the county and nobody seemed to have any interest in them. Maybe something could have been done; maybe something should have been done; maybe the railroad had already decided what they were going to do, but it is a shame we don't have any of the train stations. We still have the railroad tracks, so you would think we would still keep one of the train stations, but there is not many buildings left in the county that we can say it has been here and that it is a statement to the county over the years. Judge Link said the Church that Magistrate Austin referenced was the little Church that sat down there on Violet Road right on the road across from the Grant County Deposit Bank

and adjacent to Eagle Bank. We did move it to the Park and he is happy to announce that we are about finished with the renovations on that building, and most, if not all, were donated. We haven't had to spend any of the taxpayers' money to renovate it and yet are going to have a building there preserved for the use of the public. He hopes to have a ribbon cutting ceremony of some kind so that we can share with the public and they can see how maybe they can make use of it that would be a benefit to them, but as Magistrate Austin has talked about it also preserves an important part of our past as that was one of the few little black Churches here in the county, or a little white church that served the black community, he should say. Magistrate Austin said we still have one left on Cynthiana Street down by Mrs. Jones, but he thinks there is another congregation in there now, but it served the black community here in Williamstown for a long time and that Church is still pretty much intact and still being used. Judge Link encouraged all to come to the next Caucus meeting on Monday, March 10th. He said we are going to have some discussion there about Parks and Recreation and a very important project that we hope to get initiated and underway so we will have some dialogue and discussion as a Court about the timing of that Project and the Scope of that Project. Also Jack Gatlin is coming to that meeting to share some things with the Court as well. He also said that he would tell everyone to hold onto their chairs this week. The three men that worked at the Jail about five years ago, they haven't worked there for about five years ago, but yet their story continues to be run in the paper and re-ran. They are having, he believes, a Pretrial Hearing for those three gentlemen on Friday so you might see some negative press once again about Grant County in the paper. They seem to like to relive that awful evening at a lot of the expense of the people of this county and it certainly is not a

representation of us, but unfortunately it is a trial that we have had to bear for sometime.

Again, you might see some publicity later in the week regarding that and it is unfortunate.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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